

AMENDMENTIn the Claims:

1. (original) An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or complement thereof.
2. (original) An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or complement thereof.
3. (original) An isolated nucleic acid encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 or complement thereof.
4. (original) A method for producing a GrB-NIC polypeptide, comprising:
 - (a) transforming or transfecting a host cell with a nucleic acid comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, to obtain a transformed or transfected host cell;
 - (b) culturing the transformed or transfected host cell to obtain a cell culture;
 - (c) expressing the nucleic acid in the transformed or transfected host cell to produce the polypeptide.
5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the host cell is a prokaryotic cell.
6. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the host cell is a eukaryotic cell.
7. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said nucleic acid further comprises regulatory elements necessary to express GrB-NIC polypeptide in a eukaryotic host cell.
8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said regulatory elements comprise native GrB-NIC regulatory elements.
9. (original) A vector comprising a cloned nucleic acid, said cloned nucleic acid consisting essentially of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or complement thereof.
10. (original) A vector comprising a cloned nucleic acid, said cloned nucleic acid consisting essentially of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or complement thereof.

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